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For their willingness to serve, the following members of the Rutherford County Volunteer Fire Department deserve recognition: Chief Craig McBride, Deputy Chief Terry Smith, Asst. Chief Dwajuan Howse, Capt. Lance Sutton, Lt. Tim Forsthooff, Lt. Joel Patnode, Brian Morrow, Kenny McFarland, Gary Hutchinson, Jeff Irvin, Joshua Parsons, Brad Callison, Bobby Canterbury, Markland Holland, Shawn McGoldrick, Sandy Smith, Jonathan Parsons, Micheal Bartlett, Jeff Sawyers, Randy Shaw, Richard Foran, Stephen Windham, Jared Rigsby, Chris Reid, Eddie Welsh, Hunter Fite, Tim Alexander, Chris Sobol, Bob Decker, Jayson Kotter, Justin Parker, Kevin Bennison, Daniel George, Justice DeAndrade, Benjamin Honeycutt, Justin McCraven, James Storey, Jarrett England, Christopher Hayes and Jeffery Turgeon. Board of Directors: Bill Ketron, Tim Burns, Dale Maynard, Helen Brown and Janice Howse.

HONORING THE CARTHAGE FIRE
DEPARTMENT

HON. BART GORDON

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 6, 2007

Mr. GORDON of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor the members of

the Carthage Fire Department for their selfless dedication and bravery in protecting our families, day and night.

The Carthage Fire Department was established in 1901. Today, the department has 22 volunteers on its roster. The Carthage Fire Department works not only in the suppression and prevention of fires, but also specializes in public education.

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For their willingness to serve, the following members of the Carthage Fire Department deserve recognition: Chief Joe Hiatt, Asst. Chief Joe B. Oldham, Capt. Randy Dennis, Capt. Nicky Stallings, Randy Carter, Tracy Fields, L.C. Grisham, Alicia Fields, Edward Lankford, Jacky Carver, Sr., Kerry Dugan, John Hiatt, Phillip Upchurch, Matt Watts, Glenn Pettross, David Dillehay, Billy Dennis, Chris Dennis, Derrick Brooks, David Brown, Sottie Grisham and Jeff Crockett. Also listed on the training roster is Chief Edward Stallings, Gone But Not Forgotten.

HONORING THE HIGHLAND
VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

HON. BART GORDON

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 6, 2007

Mr. GORDON of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor the members of

the Highland Volunteer Fire Department for their selfless dedication and bravery in protecting our families, day and night.

The Highland Volunteer Fire Department was established in 2000 and covers 64 square miles around the city limits of Portland. The department responds to fire and storm-related calls, vehicle accidents, fuel spills and medical First Responder calls. Currently, the fire department has 17 volunteers on its roster.

Without volunteer fire halls, like Highland, many places in the Sixth District would lack effective fire protection. In the state of Tennessee, over 70 percent of fire service is provided by volunteers. Among these volunteers, almost 75 percent work other daily jobs.

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For their willingness to serve, the following members of the Highland Volunteer Fire Department deserve recognition: Chief and First Responder Kenny Crowson, Asst. Chief George Knuckols, Capt. Richard Lanius, Lt. and First Responder Jessica Knuckols, Lt. Bobby Wilson, Josh Covington, Tav Matthews, Arthur Benjamin, Samantha Roberson, Lindi Costner, William Keen and Auxillary Firefighter Russ Caudill. Firefighter and First Responder David Roberson; Firefighters and EMTs Jim Youngblood and Brent Dyer; Firefighters and Paramedics Scott Meece and Tony Greene.